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Statewide Emergency Management Conference *For Immediate Release*

(Lake Geneva) Terrorism preparedness will be a main issue discussed at the 38th Annual Governor's Conference on Emergency Management & Homeland Security which is scheduled for April 5-6, 2005 at the Grand Geneva Resort in Lake Geneva.

More than 500 emergency management directors, law enforcement, fire, and other public safety officials are scheduled to attend the annual two-day conference. The conference will kick off on Tuesday, April 5 with opening remarks from Wisconsin Emergency Management Administrator Johnnie Smith and Wisconsin's Homeland Security Advisor Major General Al Wilkening.

Seminars presented at this year's conference include the use of volunteers in disasters, communications interoperability, state homeland security grant update, bioterrorism planning, and a recap of the 2004 storm season.

Media Advisory: Attached is an agenda of the two-day conference. For further information, you can contact WEM Public Information Officer Lori Getter at the conference at 608-516-0293.

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38th Annual Governor's Conference on Emergency Management & Homeland Security

April 5-6, 2005

Grand Geneva Resort – Lake Geneva

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2005

- 8:15 a.m. -** Registration
- 9:15 a.m. -** Call to Order (GENERAL SESSION)
Johnnie Smith Administrator, Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM)
Major General Al Wilkening, The Adjutant General
- 10:30 a.m. -** Topical Seminars
- Citizen Corps - A Public/Private Partnership
 - Public Television's Datacasting Service and Emergency Preparedness
 - 2005 State Homeland Security Grant Funding and New Initiatives of the Office of Justice Assistance
 - Public/Private Collaboration – Partnering for Security
 - Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) - Will It Work for You?
 - Enhancing Resources Through VOAD – Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters
- 11:45 a.m. -** Lunch – Governor James Doyle (invited)
- 1:00 p.m. -** Topical Seminars (**Same as above**)
- 2:45 p.m. -** Breakout Sessions (presented only once)
- GIS – State and Local Initiatives in Emergency Management and First Response
 - "Bioterrorism Response – A NIMS Compliant Planning Approach"
 - Communications Interoperability – Where Are We Now?
 - Recap of 2004 Severe Weather Events and Outlook for 2005 – National Weather Service
- 6:30 p.m.** Banquet - Guest Speaker - Expanding the Power of Your Mind – Robert Ian

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2005

ALL PRESENTATIONS ARE GENERAL SESSIONS

- 8:30 a.m. -** The National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the National Response Plan (NRP)
State and Local Government Implications – FEMA Region V
- 9:30 a.m. -** You Prepare Others, But Do You Prepare Your Family? – Norris Beren, Executive Director
Emergency Preparedness Educational Institute
- 10:45 a.m. -** A New Era: Inclusive Comprehensive Emergency Management – Edward Gabriel, Deputy
Commissioner of Preparedness, New York City Office of Emergency Management
- 11:45 a.m.** Conference Wrap-up

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